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UNIT 1765

INVENTION

PROCESS FOR ETCHING A CONTROLLABLE THICKNESS OF OXIDE ON AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT STRUCTURE ON A SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE USING NITROGEN PLASMA AND AN RF BIAS APPLIED TO THE SUBSTRATE

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS: Response

UNDER 37 C.F. R. 1.116-

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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